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OF DIARYL CARBONATES AND )  
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## AMENDMENT

Via Facsimile 703-872-9306, TC Group 1600  
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the telephone conference between Examiner Shameem and Applicants' Agent J. Michael Buchanan on 21 May 2002, and the voicemail message left by Examiner Shameem for J. Michael Buchanan on 23 May 2002.

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### CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENT

Please cancel Claims 24-34 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows in re-written "clean" format:

1. (Amended/Clean) A method of preparing a dialkyl carbonate, comprising:

a1 reacting an alkanol, oxygen, carbon monoxide, and a catalyst to form a mixture comprising a dialkyl carbonate, an alkyl chloroformate, hydrochloric acid, water, carbon dioxide, and carbon monoxide; and

removing said alkyl chloroformate from said mixture by passing said mixture through a fluid passageway at a temperature of about 30°C to about 130°C and for a residence time of about 0.5 hour to about 10 hours.